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$399,000 call Lisa

GOLDEN SPRINGS! KINGS RANCH CONDOS!
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$165,000 Call Carol

GORGEOUS IN GATED SIERRA VISTA!
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$299,000 call Shelly or Zach!

TOWNHOME! VIEWS! ON CORNER LOT! GATED TOSCANO VILLAS!
1768 SF,3 bdrms, 2 bths, wonderful patio! single level end unit! Private, gated front courtyard too! Loaded with upgrades! Coffered ceilings, Granite counters, Fireplace & it's FURNISHED!
$389,000 Call Gail or Erma

55+ MOUNTAINBROOK VILLAGE BEAUTY!
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ON THE GOLF COURSE! 1662 SF, 2 bdrms, den, 3 car garage! JASMINE MODEL, Light and bright lots of windows, fireplace, ss appl, Plantation Shutters, Corian counters, newer roof and AC on the 16th hole of Sidewinder! Loaded with extras!
$484,000 Call Zach or Shelly

MOUNTAINBROOK VILLAGE BEAUTY!
1430 SF, 2 bdrms, 2.5 bths, 2 car gar, Superstition view, extended garage, updated! Tile throughout!, most furniture and furnishings remain!
$324,500 Call Cathy

ON MOUNTAINBROOK VILLAGE GOLF COURSE!
Picacho model! 1740 sf, 2 bdrms, 2 bths, office/den! 2 car garage! n/s exposure, front courtyard, new appliances, granite counters & center island! Plantation shutters, Lots of Upgrades.
$439,000 call Lisa

MOUNTAINBROOK VILLAGE!
Mountain views! JASMINE MODEL! 1614 sf, 2 bdrms, office/den, 2 car garage and Owned Solar! N/S exposure, Granite counters, extended length garage! Freshly painted inside and out! Too much to list it all!
$385,000 Call Gail or Erma

GORGEOUS IN 55+ MOUNTAINBROOK VILLAGE!
1637 sf 3 bdrms, fireplace 2 baths 2 car extended garage! ESTRELLA FLOOR PLAN open, light and bright! ss appliances, Granite counters, new wtr heater and softener too much to list it all!
$385,000 call Marsha

GORGEOUS PROPERTY IN GATED SIERRA VISTA! VIEWS!
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LOCALEVENTS
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, April 3 at 9am – 10 am Gold Canyon STRONG's Drive Up Easter Eggstravaganza and Boneanza | Gold Canyon Executive Suites, 6589 S Kings Ranch Road, Gold Canyon Drive up, get an egg and see if it's a winner! Lots of great prizes will be given away! This is for adults and children. Bring your four-legged friend(s) along for a treat!

Thursday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. "Understanding Grief and Mourning"—Virtual Apache Juncion Public Library | Grief and loss can be overwhelming experiences. Learn what to expect during the virtual program "Understanding Grief and Mourning" presented by Hospice of the Valley on April 8 at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit ajpl.org or call 480-474-8855.

Monday, April 19 at 3 p.m., Interlibrary Kitchen—*Virtual*| Apache Junction Public Library mixes it up during its cooking program "Interlibrary Kitchen" on Monday, April 19 at 3 p.m. Check out AJLibrary on Facebook or Instagram for past episodes and recipes, and details for our upcoming event. For more information, visit ajpl.org or call 480-474-8855.

Events Continue at Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Check the complete event pages on their website at http://www.btarboretum.org/events or contact the Visitor's Center at 520-689-2723. You may also Email: info@btarboretum.org.

Exciting Activities year round at the Superstition Mountain Museum, Call 480 983-4888 or visit www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org for schedule of classes and events.

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GREETINGS TO ALL ADOBE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Gold Canyon Garden Club in the ADOBE Spotlight.

ADOBE, as created in 1989, had as its mission, in part, to serve all Gold Canyon citizens, clubs, groups, developers, organizations, agencies, businesses, churches, and county officials in all things; to wit - "for a better environment for all." Hence, being all things to all people. That aspect of the ADOBE mission has not changed. Although during 2020, and thus far in 2021, the virus has placed challenges on our normal organizational/administrative activity, nothing has dampened ADOBEs mission to serve. One of our new mission efforts is to sporadically spotlight the various entities that make up our beautiful Gold Canyon community. This month ADOBE places into the "ADOBE Spotlight" a Gold Canyon club that has been a part of Gold Canyon since 1998. The Gold Canyon Garden Club, among other things, maintains the Gold Canyon "Butterfly Garden." This lovely garden is located next to the now new Pinal County Park - "Dinosaur Park." Information on the Garden Club webpage (www.goldcanyongc.com) authored by club member, Ms. Mary Jo Bitman states, in part:

"In October of 1998, a group of creative, enthusiastic and caring women had their first meeting of the Gold Canyon Garden Club. The stated purpose of the Club was, "to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening and to promote civic beautification and a conservation of natural resources." These goals remain the same today. In 1999, Pinal County Supervisor Sandie Smith asked the Club to become involved in the coordination and building of the planned Dinosaur Park. Charter members were able to secure donated land to erect a butterfly garden through the support and generosity of the business and

residential community and the local and county governments. At present, the garden has over 50 varieties of native and desert adapted plants which attract over 400 species of butterflies each year. The Garden is among 33,000 national sites certified by the National Wildlife Federation as an official Backyard Wildlife Habitat Site supporting biological diversity and wildlife. To date, the Club has 42 members from all over the country. One of the benefits of membership is the knowledge gained to successfully garden in the desert."

The Garden Club has recently chiseled a new look into the face and body of the Butterfly Garden. Club members with the assistance of Smiling Dog Landscapes have planted new plants, trimmed shrubbery/trees, enhanced the water supply, built charming walkways, and gave the garden an overall cleanup. ADOBE and the citizens of Gold Canyon salute the Garden Club and all its members and leaders who have worked and sweaty in the heat of the day making the garden what it is today. Dinosaur Park and Butterfly Garden - Gold Canyon partners of beauty - are explicit examples of what togetherness and sticktoitness will do when citizens work together in accomplishing mutual goals. If you would like to join the Club go to www.goldcanyongc.com and follow the prompts.

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Superstition Foothills
(our seller)

5730 S Desert Ocotillo
Mountainbrook Village
(our seller)

2644 S Prickly Point
Gold Canyon
(our seller & our buyer)

6497 S Ginty
Mountainbrook Village
(our seller & our buyer)

6563 S Foothills
GC Ranch
(our seller & our buyer)

DID YOU KNOW...as of 3/18/21, these are the Market Stats!

Gold Canyon - Under $500,000

# of Active, Single Family Homes...12 (11 last month)
 # Days on Mkt, Single Family Homes...5 (4 last month)
# of February Single Family Sales...33(27 prior month)
Ave Sales Price/SF...$201.30 ($195.72 last month)

Gold Canyon - Over $500,001

# of Active, Single Family Homes...37 (43 last month)
 # Days on Mkt, Single Family Homes...6 (16 last month)
# of February Single Family Sales...15 (17 prior month)
Ave Sales Price/SF...$242.88 ($241.00 last month)

Source: ARMLS/Cromford Report

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Most nature walks included with $15 adult daily admission – free to BTA annual members

- Register & Confirm times at www.btarboretum.org/events
- Connect with more than 12,000 fans (staff, volunteers, annual members) at facebook.com/btarboretum

April Events

Boyce Thompson Arboretum
37615 E Arboretum Way, Superior, AZ 85173

Everyday in April | Arboretum Discovery Tour | 10 AM & 11:30 AM

Discover Arizona's first and oldest botanical garden. With collections from many of the worlds' deserts, you will learn how this myriad of plants are crucial to our survival. Learn what makes desert plants unique and allows them to survive in regions with such low precipitation. This tour will last approximately one hour and cover 0.5 miles. This introduction to Boyce Thompson Arboretum is a great gateway to further involvement at BTA and is accessible for most everyone. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required. Free with Admission.

Every Thursday in April | Yoga - Spring Session | 9:30 AM

Join this all-level yoga practice in our natural garden setting led by certified instructor, Deb McClarnon. Deb specializes in yoga therapy and believes yoga is not about perfect postures, it is about discovering what's already inside you. Please come prepared with your own mat (perhaps a towel or blanket too, for extra padding) and weather-appropriate clothing, as these classes will take place outdoors. Space is very limited so pre-registration is required.

Saturdays & Sundays in April | Wallace Desert Garden Tour | 10:30 AM

Join a volunteer guide for a stroll through the new Wallace Desert Garden. See this relocated collection on a 1-hour walk over approximately half a mile of trail. Learn about the history of its acquisition, its acclaimed and accredited ephedra collection, and many other impressive specimens. Space is very limited, pre-registration is required.

Thursday, April 1st | Bird Walk | 7:30 AM

Boyce Thompson Arboretum invites all who love birds to take part birding around the main trail. Arboretum guided bird walks are an ideal way to get into birding and to sharpen your skills. Beginners are welcome. No binoculars? No problem! Ask in our gift shop when you pay admission; loaner binoculars are available. Pre-registration is required.

Friday, April 2nd | BTA Book Club | 9 AM

The BTA Book Club meets the first Friday of every month! The meeting will be held outside, masks are required and seating is limited. To register email Vicki at BTAbookclub@msn.com

Saturday, April 3rd | Geology Walk | 1:30 PM

Learn about rocks and volcanic formations along our main trail on a tour with professional geologists, Rich Leveile and Phil St. George, as your guides for a lively tour that compresses almost two billion years of geologic history into just over one educational hour. Space is very limited, pre-registration is required.

April 4-5, 7, 11, 14, 17-19, 21, & 25 | Bird Walk | 7:30 AM

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Sunday, April 4th & Saturday, April 10th | Edible & Medicinal Plants Tour | 1:30 PM

On this exploration of the Sonoran Desert, you'll see jojoba, creosote, and other plants while learning of their medicinal and edible uses. Join us to learn how prickly-pear cacti, ratany, agaves, jojoba and other native plants have fed, healed and clothed Sonoran Desert peoples for more than 1,000 years. Please note: this guided tour explores the Curandero Trail, which has steep sections that are not suitable for visitors who use wheelchairs, walkers or strollers. Space is very limited, pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 | Bird Watch | 9:00 AM

Contrary to our typical bird walk that guides guests along our many trails, this "watch" is an accessible approach. Allowing guests to sit and observe passerby-birds, this program is open to all guests regardless of their mobility. Participants will find a seat in our picnic

area and see what birds may come their way. Bring your own chair and a pair of binoculars. Space is very limited. Pre-registration is required.

Saturday, April 17, 2021 | BTA Photo Club Meeting via Zoom | 9:15 AM - 12:00 PM

The BTA Photo Club continues to host monthly meetings via Zoom. Photographers of all skill levels who enjoy digital photography and post-processing, are invited to join. Living out of state? No problem, you can participate anywhere in the world, simply adjust your login for Mountain Standard or Arizona Time. The club focuses on sharing informative programs on photography and image-editing platforms, which typically include on-screen demonstrations of digital editing tools and techniques, discussion of artistic elements such as composition and lighting, and friendly critique of participants' photos. If you are interested in joining the group please email them at ad.dpeg.bta@gmail.com and they will send you an invitation to join!

Saturday April 17, 2021 | Wild About Wildlife! Virtual Lecture Series: Reptiles | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Arizona's Reptiles! Learn the basics about some of Arizona's 107 reptiles. These dinosaur descendants are regular inhabitants of desert backyards, but most of us know little about even the most common lizard species. Which one rids us of unwanted insects? Which ones are venomous? This talk will cover the unique characteristics of the reptiles that inhabit all four of the deserts found in Arizona. We will look at their natural history, the tropical influences that shaped our state's flora and fauna, and of course, at the critters themselves. Space is very limited, pre-registration is required.

Saturday April 24, 2021 | Desert Dwellers-Girl Scout Day| 10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

What do you, a cactus and a Javelina have in common? Find out as you explore Boyce Thompson Arboretum. On this self-guided adventure, you'll follow clues and collect data to discover the unique plants and animals that make the Sonoran Desert home. You'll create your own field guide and take home a kit to grow a desert plant.

To prepare you will receive a short video to watch that will help you complete some of the badge requirements. Most of the other requirements will be completed on-site on April 24th. You will need to finish a few steps like growing a desert plant at home. After completing these activities you'll earn the Arizona Cactus-Pine Council's own "Getting to Know the Desert" patch. *only Girls Scouts receive the patch *all children attending will receive the grow kit Ticket price includes all day admission into Boyce Thompson Arboretum on April 24th. Pre-registration is required, space is limited $10/participant (girl scouts, adults, and siblings)

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The Rotary Club of Superstition Mountain proudly announces its participation in Arizona Rotary District 5495 Community Service Project – National Volunteer Week, April 18th – 24th

This year the project will be painting hand railings at Apache Junction High School and doing some work at the Boys and Girls Club.

Rotary is partnering with other service organizations and individuals (membership is not required) to inspire volunteers around the world to participate in International Week of Service. Contact our local Club – President, Harvey Clark, email *harvey.clarksuperrotary@gmail.com*

Each year, Rotary members around the world log 16 million volunteer hours on projects on an international scale and in their own back yards.

Organizations participating include: Rotary International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, Junior Chamber International, Kiwanis International, Moose International, Soroptimist, Y's Men International and more.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

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GCAC'S JACK KUKUK AWARD,

Presented to Ray and Carol Cunningham

Each year, the Gold Canyon Arts Council gives its most prestigious prize, the Jack Kukuk Award, to special members who have worked to advance the Arts in the Superstitions. This year's most deserving winners are Ray and Carol Cunningham.

Carol and Ray met at Massachusetts Institute of Technology after Ray graduated from the Coast Guard Academy and Carol transferred there from Northeastern University. They became college sweethearts, married, and embarked on separate and joint engineering careers, culminating with the construction of the San Roque Dam in The Philippines, where they lived and worked for 17 years. Out of the goodness of their hearts, they started a fashion jewelry company called "Dam Good Stuff, that to this day, employs the people displaced in the dam's valley region.

Shortly after their Gold Canyon arrival in 2014, they became GCAC members and GC Arts Festival volunteers and have become a vital part of the organization.

Carol has served a 3 year term as GCAC Secretary and Board Director. In 2017, she developed the organization's website and introduced an on-line festival application, ZAPP, which facilitates the registration of artists and uploading of their art work, thereby allowing a juried committee to select the best artists. Carol also suggested the donation of an art piece from each festival artist and has managed silent auctions of these gifts at social events.

Ray's initial contribution was the recruitment of Festival volunteers. Later, as a talented guitarist, he became the organization's liaison with Lead Guitar, a non-profit classical guitar teaching organization in Tucson. This enables GCAC to sponsor in-school lessons at no cost to students or schools. He is also a member of GCAC's School Residency Committee which organizes Canyon Sounds artists workshops and tutorials at regional schools. Finally, Ray chairs GCAC's Grants Committee, and writes grant applications, a significant funding source for our Educational Outreach mission.

Another very special contribution by the Cunninghams is their fundraising efforts. As residents of the Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club, they have organized receptions at private homes featuring GCAC's Canyon Sounds artists such as the Bryan Anthony Quintet, the Italian Saxophone Quartet, the guitar duo of Brad Richter and Carlos Bonell, and the Jacome Flamenco Duo. The generosity of the home owners and attendees has contributed highly to GCAC's Educational Outreach and Lead Guitar programs.

Chuck Cuffaro, *GCAC Publicity*

Springtime
IN THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Gold Canyon Garden Club's Butterfly Garden is getting new plants to match its open and sunny look. Members are working on labeling plants and trees and making decisions on what to plant to attract butterflies and other pollinators. We received a grant from the National Garden Club, Inc. to have the Girl Scout Troop, led by our new president, plant these new flowering shrubs and plants at the end of March. The Garden has a new irrigation system that will keep everything growing through our sometimes brutal Summer. With proper watering and placement plants grow amazingly well when planted in Spring . The Texas Mountain Laurel, Mexican Bird of Paradise trees, emus, desert ruellia, and chuparosa shrubs were blossoming beautifully in March and we can't wait to see what the Girl Scouts get growing. Tom McDonald, a member of our club, a Master Gardener and the owner of Smiling Dog Landscapes, Inc. was the advisor on the restoration of the Butterfly Garden and we can't thank him enough for his expertise. We have several other Master Gardeners as members who have contributed so much in experience and knowledge of desert gardens that keep us learning about this special place, the Southwest Desert. Stop in and see what is happening this Spring in The Butterfly Garden. You will find The Butterfly Garden at the West end of the Dinosaur Park parking lot on S. Alameda Road and are welcome to walk through on wide paths to see what plants work on drawing in all pollinators.

Every Wednesday this Winter, the Pacific Region of Garden Clubs, Inc have a ZOOM presentation that lasts 45 minutes. This week we are learning about "DIY containers and "Aspidistra leaves are your friends." Aspidistra is also known as the Cast Iron Plant that grows inside as a house plant and outside in growing zones 8-10. Here in Gold Canyon we are in zone 9b. The Cast Iron Plant is nearly indestructible so that has great potential for all of us.

We are preparing programs, community activities and fundraisers for the 2021-2022 club year. Our annual dues are $20.00 and will buy you a lot of information, experience and community connections for a year. We typically meet 9 months of the year, September through May, but have enjoyed the "plant spotlights" our members have shared at monthly meetings and propose to do that through the Summer months via ZOOM. We are looking forward to meeting in person again but will consider how to do that safely. We meet every second Tuesday at 10:00 AM Mountain Standard Time. Please contact us on Facebook at Gold Canyon Garden Club and we will return your request for information in a day or two.

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EIGHT REASONS WHY NOT TO "TOP" TREES

Topping is the practice of removing whole tops of trees or large branches and or trunks from the tops of trees, leaving stubs that are too small to assume the role of a terminal leader. [Wikipedia]

1. Starvation: Topping upsets an older tree's well developed crown - to - root ratio and temporarily cuts off its food making ability.

2. A tree's crown is an umbrella that shields much of the tree from the direct rays of the sun. Removing this protection exposes the remaining bark tissue to scalding and understory plants may suffer from reduced shade.

3. Insects and Disease: The large stubs of a topped tree are vulnerable to insect invasion and decay fungi.

4. Weak Limbs: At best the wood of a new limb is weakly attached than a limb that develops normally. If rot develops at the severed end of the limb, the weight of the sprout makes a bad situation even worse.

5. The goal of topping is usually to control the height and spread of the tree. Actually it has the opposite effect. The resulting sprouts are far more numerous than normal new growth, and they elongate so rapidly that the tree returns to its original height in a very short time and with a far denser crown.

6. Tree death: Many mature trees, in our desert climate, will not survive extreme topping.

7. Ugliness: A topped tree is a disfigured tree. Even with re-growth, it never regains the grace and character of its species.

8. Cost: To a worker with a saw, topping a tree is much easier than applying the skill and judgment of informed pruning. Topping may cost less in the short run; however the true costs of topping are hidden. These costs include reduced property

value, the expense of removal and replacement if the tree dies the loss of other trees and shrubs if they succumb to changed light conditions, the risk of liability from weakened branches, and increased future maintenance. [Courtesy of the Arbor Day Foundation]

Since many of these harmful practices affect our native trees more severely than trees growing in friendlier climates, it is important that we think things through before chopping.

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HOW MUCH RISK SHOULD YOU TAKE BEFORE RETIREMENT?

If you're planning to retire in just a few years, you may be getting excited about this next phase of your life. However, your ability to enjoy retirement fully will depend, at least partially, on the resources you can draw from your investment portfolio. So, while you still have time to act, ask yourself if you're comfortable with your portfolio's risk level.

Your relationship with risk can change noticeably over time. When you started saving for retirement, you may have been willing to take on more investment risk, which translated into a relatively high percentage of stocks and stock-based mutual funds in your investment portfolio. As you know, stocks offer the potential for greater returns than other assets – such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) – but they are also typically more volatile and carry more risk. But when you were many decades away from retirement, you had sufficient time to recover from market fluctuations. (Of course, there are no guarantees – it's possible that some stocks will lose value and never regain it.)

Now, fast forward to where you are now – closing in on retirement. Even at this stage of your life – and, in fact, even during your retirement – you will need some growth-oriented investments to help stay ahead of inflation. Over time, even a low inflation rate, such as we've had the past several years, can erode your purchasing power.

So, the issue isn't this: "Should I get rid of all my risk?" You shouldn't – and, in fact, you couldn't, because all investments, even the ones considered most "conservative," contain some type of risk, even if it isn't the risk of loss of principal. For instance, some investments run the risk of not keeping up with inflation. Instead, ask yourself these questions: "How much risk should I take within my portfolio?" "How much risk do I actually need to achieve my goals in retirement?"

Of course, there are no one-size-fits-all answers. You'll need to look at your investment portfolio to see if it's positioned to provide you with the income you'll require in your retirement years. You might have initially based your financial strategy on a specific type of retirement lifestyle, but now that you're nearing retirement, perhaps you've changed your mind. Your anticipated new lifestyle might require either more or less income than you had originally projected – and if that's the case, you may need to adjust the risk level in your portfolio or make other adjustments.

For example, suppose you had initially envisioned a rather quiet retirement, sticking around your home, volunteering and spending time with your grandchildren. But in recent years – and especially since the confinement many of us have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic – you may have thought that you'd now like to travel extensively. To achieve this goal, which will likely cost more than your original one, you may have to work longer, or invest more each year until you retire, or seek a higher return on your investments – which means accepting more risk.

As you can see, managing risk is a balancing act – and you may need to make some tough choices. But as long as you're aware of how much risk you can take, and how much risk you may need to take to reach your goals, you can develop a strategy that aligns with your objectives.

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Just as some foods can be medicine for our bodies, some seemingly harmless foods can trigger adverse reactions.

We've all heard of people who have violent and even life-threatening reactions resulting from allergies to foods like peanuts or shellfish, but it's also possible to develop chronic health conditions that are triggered by sensitivities (as opposed to allergies) to certain foods. Because the effects are subtler and develop over time, the connection between diet and condition can often be overlooked. That's where food sensitivity testing can be a very helpful diagnostic tool.

Food Allergy vs. Food Sensitivity

In the case of a food allergy, the body produces certain antibodies (IgE) in response to the food. The reaction is often immediate and signs and symptoms can include hives, difficulty with breathing, and in severe cases, anaphylaxis. Most people with true food allergies are aware of them and have sought help from an allergist to identify the triggers and manage the allergy.

A food sensitivity (or food intolerance) is very different from a food allergy. In this case, the body overreacts to certain foods over a period of time—weeks or months—although sometimes it can respond sooner. A different type of antibody (IgG) becomes sensitized to certain foods and releases immune chemicals that can cause inflammation in the body tissues, including the brain. The resulting symptoms may be

- Skin rash
- Joint aches and pains
- Sinusitis
- Asthma
- Insomnia
- Headaches
- Digestive disorders producing bloating, gas, diarrhea, and poor food absorption
- Difficulty concentrating, "brain fog," poor memory

A person with food sensitivities may also develop leaky gut syndrome, a condition in which inflammation of the lining of the gut causes increased permeability that allows toxins into the bloodstream, causing inflammation throughout the body.

Diagnosis and Treatment

A food sensitivity test is a blood test that can measure the body's inflammatory response to substances including foods, additives, coloring, and chemicals. The laboratory I work with has tests that can cover up to 200 foods and spices and shows the client's incompatible foods and the level of each reaction: severe, moderate, or mild. They also include a customized rotational diet plan based on your test results.

Although eliminating certain foods from your diet may seem like a simple treatment, the results can be dramatic.

In just one example, my patient John did the test. We discussed the results from the lab and established a food rotation plan. After just a few weeks on the new diet John reported that he no longer needed the nebulizer he often used for asthma attacks when hiking. He also had an 80-90% reduction in joint pain and lost excess weight, improving his flexibility and mobility.

If you have similar chronic ailments or complaints as those listed above and other investigations and treatments have reached a dead end, I'd suggest that you try food sensitivity testing. Make your health a priority. You're worth it!

Mindfulness means maintaining a moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, emotions, bodily sensations and surrounding environment with openness and curiosity. It has a variety of research-backed impacts, including reduction in stress, improvements in job satisfaction, emotional regulation, and focus.

Mindfulness can be thought of as a "state," a "trait" or a "practice." You can have a moment of mindfulness, which is the state of your mind. You can also have a sustained experience that is more like a habit or strong tendency to be mindful, a trait. Or you can engage in a more intentional practice of mindfulness by using different forms, fun movement classes, Yoga or Pilates postures and activities.

Mindfulness is not just about sitting still and focusing on your breath. Mindfully doing yoga, or any type of movement can help you be more aware of your body — and this can offer you important information. Do your shoulders creep up when you feel tense? Do you clench your teeth when you worry?

Becoming more aware of your body helps you navigate life. With practice, for example, you can stay even and calm during a difficult conversation or a challenge at work. If you notice that your shoulders are tensing and your body is stiffening when you encounter a stressful situation, by simply taking a few deep breaths, you will be able to handle things more calmly.

The main objective of mindful movement is to notice the sensations of the body in motion. Active mindfulness practice brings the mind and body in union which regulates the nervous system.

Practicing mindful movement has many benefits. You can: Explore limits and discomfort. When you stretch, you eventually reach a limit, beyond which the discomfort becomes too intense. Mindfulness offers the opportunity to explore your mind's reactions. Do you try to push beyond it, often causing injury, or do you stay too far away, avoiding the slightest discomfort? By approaching the edge with a mindful awareness, you open to uncomfortable physical sensations rather than avoiding them.

You can transfer this skill of mindful awareness to your experience of difficult thoughts and emotions, encouraging you to stay with them and acknowledge them, and see what effect mindfulness has on them.

Tune into the sensations in your body and out of the usual wandering mind. By focusing in on the range of feelings and sensations in your body, you bring yourself into the present moment. Movement shows you a way of coming into the here and now and is an easier door into mindful practice.

Gain an understanding about life through movement practice. When trying to balance in a yoga posture, notice how your body is not stiff or still, but continuously moving and correcting to maintain your balance. Sometimes you lose your balance and must start again. In the same way, living a life of balance requires continuous correction, and sometimes you get it wrong. You just need to start again.

What other lessons about life can you learn from beginning a mindful movement practice? Do not know where to start? The Live it Well Place offers a Series to Learn: 4-week class designed to start where you are, learn and begin to develop your own mindful practice. We now offer 17 mindful movement classes a week. Go to www.liveitwellaz.com, click on Yoga Details to see the schedule and read descriptions of the classes. Stop by 6607 W. Kings Ranch Road, Monday – Saturday 10 am to 2 pm to tour the 5500 sq. ft. Integrative Health and Mindful Movement space. Every day is the best day to Live it Well.

ARIZONA STAGECOACH ROBBERIES

By Cody Drake, The Arizona Treasure Hunter

During the 19th century in what we now call The Wild West, Arizona stood out amongst other territories & States as being truly wild. Just between 1875-1900 there were over 125 reported Stagecoach robberies within Arizona alone. With the robberies, there were over 200 persons who took part in the occupation of holding up stages within the Arizona Territory and not all of them were men. There were some women as well who robbed the stages quite often such as Pearl Heart, also known as "The Girl Bandit of Arizona".

Many of the stagecoach robberies took place near water holes, stage station's, and almost always at points where the stages's had to slow down, stop or at least lower their speed to a crawl. Sharp turns, curves, top of a steep hill and also at the opposite end of a sandy wash or river crossing. Two major hot spots for repetitive hold ups were the stage routs in and around of Tombstone & the stage route that ran from Prescott to Phoenix. One of the most active spots where stages were frequently stopped and held up along the Prescott route was a place called Black Canyon Hill, located about 35 miles south of Prescott and there are still rumors of gold and silver coins being found in the area.

Gila Bend is another popular place where stages were held up regularly. One such robbery took place in 1879 where four armed men made off with $125,000 in gold & silver coins along with 22 gold bard that were stamped AJO.

It is of my opinion that our state of Arizona hold's the greatest volume of lost mine's & lost treasure's in the United States. This is ranging from the time of Spanish explorers to Mexican miners then to the Outlaws of the Wild West. It is such an honor and privilege to live in a state so rich with history... and GOLD!

If while on your adventure this weekend you find yourself near Black Canyon Hill or Tombstone, maybe stop and take a moment and look around. You never know what you might find! *(Please be aware and follow state, federal lands as well as private property. If in doubt it never hurts to ask permission).*

Stay Safe, Stay Alive & Keep Treasure Hunting!

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Wind-wills

By Marcia Nelson

The Wind is a whisper
as it glides through the spines
of the desert Saguaros
or the mountain top pines.
But when Monsoons come
the Wind shrieks and howls
and stirs up the dust
as we endure these squalls.

And yet, on those perfect
blue sky Spring days,
the Wind settles down
and just lets the clouds play!
It almost seems that
an invisible Muse
is blowing soap bubble visions
amid blue sky hues!

The Wind can certainly, be friend or foe
so, hold on to the cushions, umbrellas and chairs
for the Wind will surely go
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Relatively Reading

By J. J. Pless

Mention of mental boredom in the face of working from home or feeling corralled by circumstances seem to come up in every conversation. It turns out that houses can only be so organized- domestic excellence doesn't stay satisfying for long to the intellectually agile, and crafty hobbies have a threshold too- be it supply costs or just rates of achievement. So what are clever people to do who have done their jobs, cleaned their houses, and advanced their hobbies? READ and RECONNECT!

Between the snooty book clubs of wine with dead language existentialism and literary smut circles there exists the seldom seen gatherings of folks who just like to read new things with people they enjoy. In its purist form, a book club is precisely one half about the book and one half about the club- though like any organic community there's an ebb and flow in varying directions, but at its essence it's a balancing act.

In an effort to stem the tide of intellectual atrophy in these times of homebound shenanigans I've been lucky enough to get included into a gathering of women with vastly different lifestyles who share affection for one another and a desire to use our heads. We made a book club out of sisters, cousins, and one sister-in-law; all friends and kin. There was no paperwork, no formal application process- we didn't even write anything on the back of an old grocery list. It was just a conversation across the sectional couches (I think there might have been popcorn) about how we appreciated making each other think and making each other laugh… wouldn't it be great to find a new epicenter for some conversation…? Viola'! Between us there are 5 children, three educational marriages, 2 happy unions, more than half a dozen various college degrees, and 101 bad habits. We're a bit unconventional, passionate about family, crafty to a fault, alternately innovative, and often mistaken for outrageous. We are Relatively Reading.

We've agreed to read one new book a month- as chosen by a different member of the group each time- in no particular order- and gather in person or online to discuss any impressions that book might have made. The best, the worst, and anything that made an impact is fair game.

Our first book is The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles. We're already excited to have this new thing to talk over with loving likeminded folks. I have no doubt that we'll have cultivated every kind of insight into the book- and especially insights into each other, Untill Next time!

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Staff Picks Of The Month

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The Four Winds **by Kristin Hannah,** *recommended by Trish*

This story hits all the marks. A story of self-discovery, determination, love for family and home, hardship and survival during the Great Depression and Dust Bowl. A must read.

The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling, *recommended by Georgia*

A story that the author told her own children as they grew up, with illustrations by children from across the globe. This reimagined story of the Yeti gives a commentary on the dangers of ruling a kingdom, fictitious or otherwise, built upon lies and deceit and the satisfaction that in the end, common people can positively affect their destinies.

The Scorpion's Tail: A Nora Kelly Novel **by Douglas J. Preston,** *recommended by Dennis*

A mummified body with an old Spanish gold cross is discovered in a ghost town. Who was he and how did he die? Where did the cross originate, and why was someone digging in the area? All these questions and more are answered as FBI agent Corrie Swanson and Santa Fe archaeologist Nora Kelly investigate. Tales of lost Spanish gold and links to an event that was frightening and transformative in American history come together as they solve this mystery.

Deacon King Kong **by James McBride,** *recommended by Diana*

In September 1969, Deacon King Kong, known as Sportcoat, entered the courtyard of the Cause Houses housing project in south Brooklyn and shoots the project's drug dealer in in plain view. Sportcoat's burst of violence and its consequences bring to life the story of this tightly knit community, affecting the victim, the African-American and Latinx residents who witnessed it, the white neighbors, the local cops, Italian mobsters, church members, and Sportcoat himself.

As the story grows, the characters' lives overlap in unexpected ways, showing us that not all secrets are meant to be hidden. That the best way to face change is without fear, but with love, hope and compassion. I thoroughly enjoyed this book with its twists and turns and unexpected diversions.

Sometimes You Have to Lie: The Life and Times of Louise Fitzhugh, Renegade Author of Harriet the Spy **by Leslie Brody**, *recommended by Megan*

Since its publication in 1964, thousands of older children and preteens have fallen in love with the adventurous, stubborn, very funny Harriet Welsch, the protagonist of Louise Fitzhugh's Harriet the Spy. However, for readers interested in knowing more about Harriet's creator, it was difficult to know Louise herself – she never did book signings or tours, and she died too young in the 1970s. Now, using letters, interviews, and journals, Leslie Brody draws back the curtain on this temperamental artist – from her confused childhood, her exodus from Memphis, her ambitions to be a painter and later an author, and the women she loved throughout her life. As Ole Golly says to Harriet, "You're an individual, and that makes people nervous" – and what an individual Louise was!

ARIZONA
STATE PARKS & TRAILS

4 Scenic Road Trips to Take this Spring

PHOENIX – Spring weather is for enjoying Arizona's outdoors and the warmer days are just perfect for an adventure! Spring training, spring break, and wildflowers are cropping up, so get your road trip playlist ready and hit the road!

Verde Valley to Sedona – After you catch a spring training game, head north of the valley to red rock country! This is a classic road trip, but there's plenty to see along the way! On the I-17, you'll pass right through the Verde Valley, where you can stop at Dead Horse Ranch State Park to enjoy the Verde River and lagoons, plus historic stops like Fort Verde and Jerome state historic parks! Stop at Red Rock State Park for a gorgeous hike before heading into town to grab a bite!

Southern Arizona Views – Southern Arizona has some of the best hiking in the state, and spring offers not only great weather, but great sights! As the landscapes turn to green in the brown desert, wildflowers pop up, yellow and purple, to spice up the views! Check out Picacho Peak State Park early in the season, or Oracle State Park later in spring!

Deep Southwest – If you're starting in Tucson (or up for a longer trek), find awesome history at Tubac Presidio State Historic Park, then head down to Patagonia Lake and Sonoita Creek! The lakeside beach is a great place to cool off and take in the views, but Sonoita Creek is a quieter spot to hike along the river and enjoy some peace in the fresh air!

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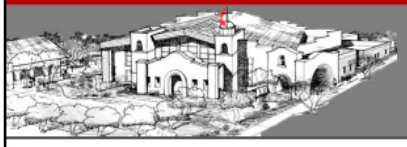

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Sarah's Lemon-Orange Bundt Cake

This recipe is from my sister-in-law who lives in Tennessee. This is a very moist cake and super easy to make!

- 1 Box Lemon Cake Mix (I used Duncan Hines)
- 1 15oz can mandarin oranges – use all the juice
- ½ c sugar
- 2/3 c vegetable oil
- 4 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a Bundt pan.

In a medium size mixing bowl, add the lemon cake mix, ½ c sugar, 2/3 c vegetable oil, 4 eggs and the juice from the mandarin oranges. Beat all together. Cut the mandarin oranges in half and stir in by hand. Or if you prefer no chunks, just pour the juice and mandarin oranges in at the same time in the first step. Pour into prepared Bundt pan. Bake for about 35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes and then take a plate and place on the Bundt pan and turn out the cake. Cake needs no icing, but it you like, you can mix about ½ c of confectionery sugar with 4-5 teaspoons of orange juice and mix until smooth. Drizzle over cooled cake.

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE COOKIES

If you love brownies, you are going to love these cookies!!!

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 squares Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate and 4 squares Unsweetened Baking Chocolate
- 6 Tablespoons of Butter 1 ¼ c sugar
- 3 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 c flour 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt 2 c chopped walnuts

INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Microwave the chocolates with the butter in a large bowl for 2 minutes; stirring half way through. Mix until smooth. Stir in sugar until blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Add the flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in the walnuts. Drop by rounded tablespoon 1 1/2" apart on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake 12 minutes or until set. DO NOT OVERBAKE! Cool 5 minutes on sheet, then remove cookies to cooling rack until completely cooled. Store in an airtight container.

Makes 3 dozen cookies.
Recipe from the box of Bakers Chocolate!

CORRECTION: March 2021 Edition, Chocolate Brownie Cookies | *From the Editor: I am sorry, there was a typo in last months recipe, "6 squares Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate* ***or*** *4 squares Unsweetened Baking Chocolate" - This was a mistake, The recipe originally was supposed to be "and" not "or".*

Cream Cheese Ladybugs

From: Ritz Crackers (my version)

- 24 RITZ Crackers or the Ritz Garden Vegetable flavored ones
- Small container of Whipped Cream Cheese
- 12 Round Cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 6 pitted large black olives, quartered
- 1 green onion, green part only cut into 48 thin strips
- Black food coloring

Top each cracker with a dab of the whipped cream cheese (don't cover the whole cracker). Place one half of the cherry tomato on top the cream cheese, add two pieces of green onion (can curl a bit with your finger) at the top of the cherry tomato and then put one quarter piece of the black olive on top. Take a little of the whipped cream cheese and put it in a small bowl and add a little black food coloring to it and stir until incorporated. Put it in a decorating bag with a small round tip, or put in a small plastic baggie and cut off a little bit on one corner of the bag. Pipe a line down the cherry tomato back and then add some dots. Serve right away or store in a plastic container with a lid until ready to serve same day.

Ritz Version: Caprese Ladybugs (Original recipe from Ritz)

- Use 6 Ciliegine fresh mozzarella balls in water, drained, each cut into 4 slices (instead of whipped cream cheese)
- 24 fresh basil leaves
- 2 Tblsp. Balsamic glaze – spread on top of tomato to hold black sesame seeds
- ¼ tsp black sesame seed – sprinkle on tomatoes

Prepare as in first recipe, but add the fresh basil leave on the mozzarella slice.

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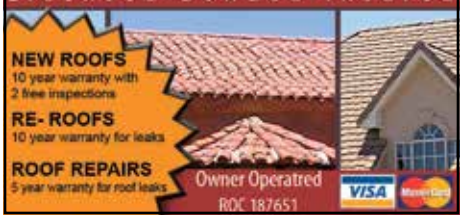
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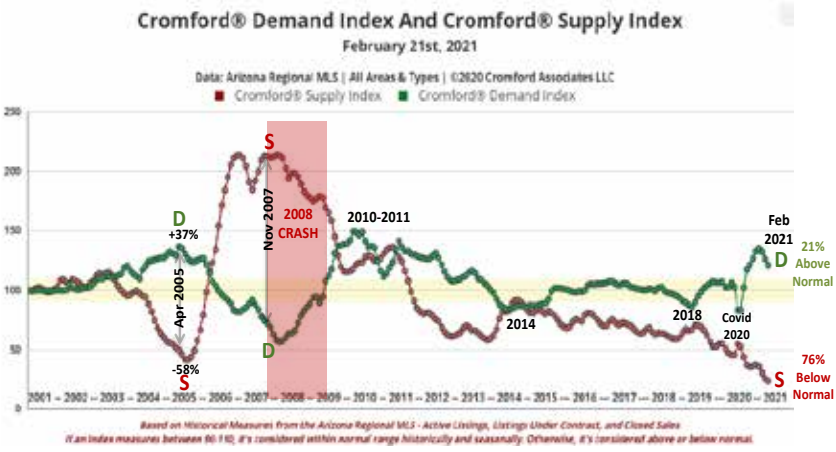

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Active Listings	93	↓	97	110	↓	163
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Active Listings excl. UCB	57	↓	62	71	↓	121
Pending Listings	44	↑	34	33	↓	45
1 Listings Under Contract	80	↑	69	72	↓	87
Sales per Month	48	↑	45	54	↓	59
Sales per Year	598	↓	609	593	↑	525
Days on Market - Sales	51	↓	57	50	↑	115
Days on Market - Active	95	↓	108	99	↓	128
Days Inventory excl. UCB	35	↓	37	44	↓	84
Months of Supply excl. UCB	1.2	↓	1.4	1.3	↓	2.1
Active Listings $/SF	$274.42	↑	$264.76	$245.41	↑	$224.43
Under Contract $/SF	$262.54	↑	$228.29	$216.92	↑	$184.88
Monthly Sales $/SF	$214.39	↓	$221.46	$216.81	↑	$184.18
Annual Sales $/SF	$198.40	↑	$195.90	$191.55	↑	$177.26
2 Appreciation - Annual $/SF	11.9%	↑	11.2%	10.5%	↑	6.9%
Appreciation - Annual Medi...	17.8%	↑	17.5%	16.1%	↑	6.9%
Avg Sale Price % List	100.22%	↑	99.61%	97.77%	↑	97.42%

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DYNAMITE DINOSAUR MOUNTAIN & SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN VIEWS FROM BACKYARD & SPARKLING POOL!! MOVE-IN READY 3 BEDROOM 2 BATH HOME FEATURES STAINLESS APPLIANCES, GRANITE COUNTERS, 2019 CUSTOM BACKSPLASH, REFACED CABINETS, 2020 FANS, LIGHT FIXTURES & MIRRORS, 2019 PLANK FLOORING, BLINDS & CURTAINS, 2020 INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINT, 2020 LANDSCAPING, 2020 POOL MOTOR, 2020 PATIO ROOF 2018 POOL PLASTER & PAINT. FURNITURE NEGOTIABLE. OFFERED AT **$395,000**

PERALTA TRAILS

SINGLE LEVEL GATED GEM IS MOVE-IN READY & SPORTS SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINER'S BACKYARD W/ LUXURY HOME QUALITY HEATED POOL & SPA, COVERED PATIO & FULL FEATURED KOKOMO BBQ ISLAND. PERALTA'S PREMIUM OPEN FLOORPLAN BOASTS GOURMET KITCHEN W/ GAS STOVE & HUGE ISLAND OPENING TO LIVING ROOM & DINING AREA. SPACIOUS MASTER SUITE OFFERS BAY WINDOW, SEPARATE TUB & SHOWER & OVERSIZED WALK IN CLOSET. 2017 HVAC, 2018 TURF, 2015 PAVERS & BBQ ISLAND, UPGRADED FLOORING , FIXTURES & RECENT INTERIOR PAINT. EXT GARAGE W/ CABINETS. OFFERED AT **$399,000**

SUPERSTITION FOOTHILLS

STUNNING SUPERSTITION MTN VIEWS FROM PREMIUM LOT BACKING HUGE WASH. SINGLE LEVEL 3 BDRM, 3 BATH UPGRADED HOME W/ EXTENDED 3 CAR GARAGE & HEATED POOL/SPA ON ¼ ACRE. 2020 STAINLESS APPLIANCES INCLUDING GAS COOKTOP, GRANITE & CHERRY CABINETRY. MASTER SUITE SPORTS SLATE SNAIL SHOWER & 2020 CARPET. SLATE FLOORING T/O EXCEPT BDRMS. ENTERTAINERS' BACKYARD BOASTS BUILT-IN BBQ, FIREPIT, BUILT-IN SEATING, POOL/SPA & VIEWS!! OFFERED AT **$660,000**

TOSCANO VILLAS

MILLION DOLLAR SUPERSTITION & DINOSAUR MTN VIEWS FROM THE MOST DESIRABLE LOT IN TOSCANO VILLAS. 3 BDRM, 3 BATH W/DUAL MASTER SUITES. GLASS DOOR SUBZERO FRIG, STAINLESS APPLIANCES, UPGRADED FLOORING, VENETIAN PLASTER, PLANTATION SHUTTERS. OFFERED AT **$476,000**

3.3 ACRES

SINGLE LEVEL CUSTOM HOME FEATURING 4 BEDROOMS, 4 BATHS, DINING, LIVING & GAME ROOMS. DETACHED 3 CAR GARAGE & POOL ON 3.3 ACRES. 2013 POOL, BATHS, KITCHEN & FLOORING. MAGNIFICENT MASTER SUITE W/ LUXURIOUS BATH & FIREPLACE. EXTENSIVE PAVER DRIVEWAY & VIEWS. NO HOA FEES. 3.3 ACRES OFFERED AT **$950,000**

MAGNIFICENT VIEWS OF THE MAJESTIC SUPERSTITION MOUNTAINS FROM RARE 20 ACRE PARCEL

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